

## **Family Advisory Council Minutes**

2/14/17

### **Principal Items**

#### **Academic Review - School Improvement**

- Instructional Planning – Alignment of lesson plans with Standards of Learning and Curriculum Framework Essential Knowledge and Skills in both content and cognitive level and include links to the unit or curriculum Big Ideas.

- Instructional Delivery – Consistent feedback to teachers on the alignment of lessons with the Standards of Learning and Curriculum Framework Essential Knowledge and Skills Review.

- Professional Development – Monitoring of professional development by checking for implementation in classrooms.

FAC MEMBERS WERE ENCOURAGED TO SHARE INPUT ON THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS. YOU MAY EMAIL YOUR INPUT TO DR. BURNS AT [TBURNS@NUCPS.NET](mailto:TBURNS@NUCPS.NET).

#### **Important Dates**

- Graduation - June 10, 2017
- Senior March to NES - May 17, 2017 - FAC Question: Can seniors who are graduating in the summer of 2017 participate? Yes. However, seniors who are planning to graduate in the summer may not participate in the June 10, 2017 graduation ceremony.
- Sophomore Ring Assembly - February 21, 2017 at 2 p.m. Parent are welcome to attend.
- Professional Development Day - March 10, 2017 - No school for students.
- Senior Cap and Gown Photos - April 3, 2017 - Individual pictures will be scheduled throughout the day. Group picture will be scheduled in the afternoon to accommodate Governors School/NNTC students.
- Spring Break - April 10-14, 2017

#### **Budget Priorities**

- Foreign Language
- Special Education
- Athletics Operations
- Other

#### **High School Courses at the Middle School**

- Expungement Policy/Class Rank

### **Grade Point Average/Class Rank**

According to NCPS School Board Policy, rank in class is determined by grade point average. The grade point average is determined by summing the total quality points earned and dividing by the number of courses taken. All courses identified for grades 9-12 are to be considered including those taken at grade 8 or earlier. For any high school credit-bearing course taken in middle school, parents may request that grades be omitted from the student's transcript and the student will not earn high school credit for the course. Such request must be made in writing to the high school counselor department prior to the end of the junior year. However, if a course is repeated in grades 9-12, the grade and course taken at grade 8 or earlier is not recorded on the student's transcript.

### **Governors School and Dual Enrollment**

- Pathways
- Credits/Class Ranking - pages 20-22 of the CBGS Student and Family Handbook 2016-2017 contains information regarding Governors School credits. Please see me if you would like a hardcopy of the CBGS handbook.  
<https://cbgs.k12.va.us/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Student-and-Family-Handbook.pdf>

### **FAC Member Items**

- Motivation - General discussion on how teachers motivate struggling literacy/numeracy learners. Dr. Burns shared thoughts on grading practices that have been shown to motivate learners.
- Members inquired about the approved 2017-2018 Calendar Option. Calendar Option A was approved by School Board. Members expressed support for Calendar Option A.
- Desire expressed for AP World History I to be backed up to Honors English 10 in the future.
- Budget Item - Members expressed desire for additional space at NHS to expand and accommodate academic/athletic programs (athletic/academic complex) - Band, chorus, cheerleading, wrestling, gifted-talented programming, etc.
- Members expressed praise for the choir/band winter concert.
- Members asked general questions about math pathways and how students are placed in math courses at the high school. Examples of math pathways shared by principal:
  - Algebra - Geometry - Algebra II - Math Analysis - DE Calculus Stats
  - Algebra I Part I - Algebra I Part II - Geometry - AFDA - Algebra II